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The evaluation of all reports on border-crossing points of varying degrees of reliability resulted in the following summary of Soviet supply shipments from the U.S.S.R. in September 1952:

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Type of Supply	Number of Cars
Ammunition	49
Fuel	74
Ration supplies	77
Articles of clothing	16
Artillery pieces, other arms and equipment	117
Tanks and tank spare parts	433
Motor vehicles and motor vehicle spare parts	1,116
Aircraft and aircraft equipment	45
Medical equipment	2
Unidentified military goods	11
total:	1,940 cars

Compared with the preceding months, Soviet supply traffic from the U.S.S.R. had decreased, although the volume of incoming shipments in September, 1,940 carloads, is still above the monthly normal average of about 1,000 carloads. The decrease in the volume of incoming shipments is primarily due to the decreased shipments of new motor vehicles and the unusually small shipments of ammunition. It is not determined whether this decrease is the first indication that the motor vehicle exchange program is completed. From the beginning of the exchange program until 30 September, a total of 10,726 new motor vehicles had arrived in East Germany and 8,646 motor vehicles were returned to the U.S.S.R. In September, 1,055 new vehicles arrived. On the other hand, the supply of armored vehicles was very high. The incoming shipments were consigned exclusively to the VP unit which is being activated in Northeast Mecklenburg. In September, 333 tanks arrived, mostly T-34s, and 150 armored scout cars and armored personnel carriers. The arrival of tank shipments in this area stopped during the last third of September, which indicates that the equipping of the VP unit in the area with tanks has been completed.

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